

## **Appendix V**

### **Public Hearing Attendees, Comments and Responses to Comments**

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### **Eau Claire Public Hearing January 4<sup>th</sup> 1999**

Presenting: Jeff Helmuth & Mike Lemcke (DNR)

Other DNR: Larry Schaefer and Jim Boetcher at Eau Claire;

Public Attendees for Eau Claire: Darryll Farmer (Eau Claire Health Department), Mark Meisenheimer (WQOW News), Joe Knight (Leader-Telegraph Reporter),

**Comment 1:** It is important that locally known information is included in the SWAP for transient non-community wells.

**Response 1:** The WDNR intends to use locally known information regarding transient non-community wells in the SWAP to the extent that it can be integrated with WDNR data systems and work planning.

**Comment 2:** Are area wide assessments used to replace on sites assessments?

**Response 2:** No they are not. Area wide assessments are primarily used for the susceptibility analysis where the wells construction is not known.

**Comment 3:** How will the future disinfection rule/Groundwater Rule fit into SWAP?

**Response 3:** It is our intent to have the SWAP be compatible with the Groundwater Rule. However, the Groundwater Rule is still in development and is not expected to be finalized for about 2 years and it is difficult to guess at what the new rule will encompass.

**Comment 4:** Make sure that counties that are already contracting with the department for the transient non-communities may be allowed to continue in that capacity.

**Response 4:** There are no plans to interfere with county delegation.

**Comment 5:** I hope that more accurate delineations are completed statewide since the 1200 ft arbitrary radius used as a default value for some wells is not very reflective of where the water is coming from for the pumping well.

**Response 5:** More accurate delineations will be completed for municipal systems based on community interest in source water protection, suitability of hydrogeologic environments to modeling, population served and availability of SWAP resources.

**Comment 6:** Caution should be taken when looking for the location of septic systems and their associated drainfields.

**Response 6:** Methodology for locating septic systems will be considered carefully.

**Comment 7:** The information collected needs to be provided back to the county staff, local water purveyors, and state agencies.

**Response 7:** The results of the assessments will be provided to the public water systems and will be made available to the public and on a county basis if requested. State agencies will have access to the assessment results.

**Comment 8:** There does not appear to be enough money to support the proposed program nor advanced delineations. If communities are going to use these assessments then they should be done as accurately as possible.

**Response 8:** See response 5 above.

### **Ashland Public Hearing January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1999**

Presenting: Jeff Helmuth & Mike Lemcke (DNR)

Other DNR: John Prohaska, Park Rushe, and Dave Herrick.

Public Attendees: Steve Tomasko (The Daily Press), Carolyn Benson, Kathy Allen (League of Women Voters), Leon Selberg, Ken Lindquist (National Farmers Organization)

**Comment 1:** Why are you proposing the SWAP?

**Response 1:** The 1996 amendments to the SDWA provide funding for the SWAP and require the state to develop this program order to issue monitoring waivers and to receive future source water protection funding.

**Comment 2:** What is the timeline for implementing this program.

**Response 2:** The program is scheduled for completion in 2003.

There were many other questions regarding local water quality concerns.

### **Green Bay Public Hearing January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1999**

Presenting: Jeff Helmuth & Mike Lemcke (DNR)

Other DNR: Gus Glasser

Public Attendees from Green Bay: Judy Brown (Country Today Newspaper), Carl Schultz, Joanne Vogel (Wisconsin Women for Agriculture)

**Comment 1:** Concern was expressed that Wellhead Protection needs to be taken to the next step in the area of Sturgeon Bay. The community needs to implement an ordinance that everyone is aware of to protect the source of their drinking water.

**Response 1:** The source water assessments for groundwater systems will be completed with wellhead protection in mind. WDNR staff are available to help Sturgeon Bay implement its wellhead protection plan.

**Comment 2:** The representative from the Wisconsin Women for Agriculture shared concerns about the coastal zone management program and other state and federal regulatory programs that

effect farmers. State and Federal government should look at taking care of the family farmers and the environment using a holistic approach.

**Response 2:** The WDNR agrees that a holistic approach is needed in addressing these issues.

**Waukesha Public Hearing, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

Presenting: Jeff Helmuth & Mike Lemcke (DNR)

Other DNR: Gordon Stinson, Pete Wood, and Liz Spaeth-Werner at Waukesha.

Public Attendees from Waukesha: Mike Radomski (Waukesha County Division of Environmental Health), Rachael Struve (Chiquita Processed Foods, LLC), Gary Lueck (Wisconsin Rural Water Association)

**Comment 1:** How is this expected to impact nontransient noncommunity public water system and high capacity wells?

**Response 1:** Nontransient noncommunity wells will have source water area delineations and potential contaminant inventories completed through the vulnerability assessment program in 2000. Susceptibility determinations will be completed before May 6, 2003. Source water assessments will not be completed for high capacity wells because they are not public water systems.

**Comment 2:** Concern was expressed that information available at the county level be used in the assessments.

**Response 2:** The WDNR intends to use locally know information, especially that pertaining to transient non-community wells in the SWAP to the extent that it can be integrated with WDNR data systems and work planning strategies

Total of Public Comments:	14
Public Comments in Support of SWAP:	4
Public Comments in Opposition of SWAP:	0
Public Comments not in Support or Opposition of SWAP:	10